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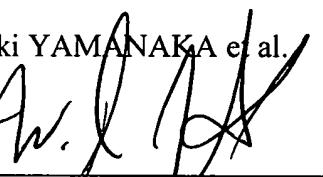
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GB 1,134,535 corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 3,389,194;  
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JP 60-232238 corresponds to U.S. Patent Nos. 4,628,040; 4,717,049; 4,819,831;  
and 4,865,444; and  
JP 2003-524513 corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 6,168,733.
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Respectfully submitted,

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